

DECISION



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**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548**

FILE: B-211124

DATE: April 4, 1983

MATTER OF: G.B.J. Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest received about 2 months after protester had notice of rejection of its offer with reason for rejection is untimely.

G.B.J. Inc. protests the rejection of its offer under solicitation F04609-83-R0005 issued by George Air Force Base.

We dismiss the protest.

G.B.J. Inc. indicates that, although it received a letter from the contracting officer on January 18, 1983, advising that its offer was rejected and the reason for the rejection, it did not attempt to discuss the matter with the contracting officer until March 2 and 4 and was not successful in that regard until March 9. G.B.J. Inc. filed the protest with our Office following the discussion with the contracting officer.

Our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(2) (1982), require protests to be filed in our Office within 10 working days after the basis for the protest is known. While the G.B.J. Inc. protest to our Office was filed within 10 working days after discussions with the contracting officer, we do not consider the protest to be timely. G.B.J. Inc. had notice of the basis of rejection on January 18, 1983, but the protest was not received in our Office until March 15, 1983, about 2 months later.

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